

To Whom It May Concern:

For the 4th year in a row several members of the Hidden Valley High School Band have auditioned to participate in the Western International Band Clinic (WIBC) in Seattle, Washington on November 21-24, 2008.

WIBC is four-day honor band available to only the highest level of musicians across 14 states and Canada. During this event 650 high school band students will have the opportunity to work under 5 of the best conductors/teachers in the nation, work with a guest soloist, attend 2 concerts each night, and meet other band students who have the highest commitment to music. The benefits of this event do not end at the conclusion of WIBC. Experience, new skills, and passion for music spread across the rest of the Hidden Valley Band.

In preparation for the WIBC audition these students have put in countless hours of practicing and several hours of supervised recording each. This process alone has increased their skills as a musician and increased the skill of the HVHS band as a whole. Students who are selected to attend WIBC will remember this event far past high school and look back upon it as a point of pride in their high school career.

The tentative plans for this trip are as follows: Depart from HVHS early on the morning of Friday, November 21st. We will arrive late that evening at the Double Tree motel and check in. From this point the students will be under the supervision and guidance of WIBC until the conclusion of the event on Monday, November 24th. The final performances at WIBC end at 4:00 PM, after which we will depart for HVHS and arrive around midnight.

To participate in this event each student must pay \$286.00. This includes 3 nights lodging and participation fees (food is not included). Students will be paying for this trip themselves.

Misha Meyers, the new music teacher at North Valley High School has participated in the event at her previous schools. She is currently working with a few of her students and getting them prepared to submit an audition. If there are any accepted students from North Valley they will be joining the Hidden Valley bus.

If you having any question or concerns please email me at ben.lawson@threerivers.k12.or.us